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RWU Law Adjunct Professor Mark B. Heffner launches a new blog on Elder Law and Long Term Care Planning, featuring some of the nation's top experts.



What is Elder Law? Ask [RWU Law Adjunct Professor Mark B. Heffner](#), who has created a new resource on the topic called the [Long Term Care Planning Blog](#).

"Counseling clients facing the prospect of \$10,000 per month in nursing home and other costs is perhaps the most challenging aspect of Elder Law," Heffner said. "Because in addition to knowing substantive law – in areas ranging from public benefits to tax planning – the Elder Law practitioner must be aware of community resources, such as geriatric care managers, client-centered financial advisors and excellent providers of long-term care services."



A certified elder law attorney based in Warwick, R.I., Heffner will be serving as the blog's editor. But, he says, "the best part is that nationally known practitioners and other professionals whom I have known or admired for decades have agreed to serve as contributing editors."

They include:

- Maryland elder law and special needs attorney [Morris Klein](#), CELA

- Georgia elder and disability lawyer [Victoria Collier](#), CELA, and co-founder of [Lawyers for Wartime Veterans](#)
- Maryland elder and disability lawyer [Ron Landsman](#), a founding member and Fellow of the [National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys](#)
- Chicago wills, estates, and planning lawyer [Kerry Peck](#), CELA, and co-author of *[Alzheimer's and the Law](#)*
- Founder and director of [Elder Care Alternatives](#) Certified Geriatric Care Manager, [Helene Bergman](#)
- Lawyer and president/CEO of the [Rhode Island Health Care Association](#), [Virginia Burke](#)
- Massachusetts elder law, special needs, public benefits and disability lawyer [Neal A. Winston](#), CELA

Some of the topics covered since the blog's launch include:

- [What is Elder Law?](#)
- [End of life discussions](#)
- [Preparing for the high cost of nursing home stays](#)
- [The special training and skills required to properly help veterans](#)
- [Benefits for permanently disabled adult children](#)

Heffner said he looks forward to covering “many more issues related to long-term care planning,” and invited members of the legal community to leave feedback and questions using the blog’s comment system, or to write “directly to me or any of our authors via email.”

The [Long Term Care Planning Blog](#) is hosted on the Law Professor Blogs Network. To subscribe, visit the [blog homepage](#).